

TRUE NORTH BIO

True North is the new music collaboration from songwriter/musician, Tones Thorburn. Based in Auckland, New Zealand, **True North** has a genre-defying sound that seamlessly blends rock and soul with a gospel heart.

Tones' musical journey is a testament to passion, resilience, faith and authenticity. With a sound that resonates with the soul, True North's music is a powerful storytelling experience. The heartfelt pull of these songs transcends boundaries, inviting listeners to embark on a transformative journey.

Following on from the atmospheric and moody debut single *No Exit Wound*, which drew high praise from music press and bloggers earlier this year, True North returns with a contrasting upbeat, soulful gem—*On a Prayer with a Broken Wing*. The single drops November 7 on all major streaming platforms, companioned with a high-vibe, celebratory music video released the same day.

Blending rock-infused soul with call-and-response male and female vocals, *On a Prayer with a Broken Wing* soars with raw emotion and hope. The song is a heartfelt reminder that no matter the hardship—be it a relationship breakdown or the trials of everyday life—love and faith will see you through. As the lyrics affirm, “*Know you’ll break on through—like sunshine on a cloudy day.*”

Produced by Ben King, **True North** stir things up on this emotive, soulful track, unleashing a triumphant horn section, showcasing musical craftsmanship with their signature mix of grit and grace. It’s a track that feels both honest and hopeful—the kind of song that meets you right where you are and lifts you up.

Featuring some of New Zealand’s finest musicians, with songwriter Tones Thorburn on vocals; Matthias Jordan (Pluto) on piano and organ; Milan Borich (Pluto) on drums and gang vocals; Ben King (Goldenhorse, Grand Rapids) on guitar, bass guitar, gang vocals, percussion; Sandy Mill (The Bellbirds, Basement Jax) on vocals; Greg Johnson on trumpet; and Lewis McCallum on saxophone. The track was mastered at Waygate Studios, Portland, USA.

On a Prayer with a Broken Wing solidifies **True North’s** place as one of the most exciting emerging artists in the rock-soul scene. With an upcoming EP/album planned for release next year, the band continues to carve a path defined by authenticity, heart, and a fearless commitment to their unique sound.

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